

House File 520 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act designating correctional officers as public safety
2 employees for purposes of the public employment relations
3 Act and including applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 20.3, subsection 11, Code 2023, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *g.* A correctional officer employed by the
4 Iowa department of corrections.

5 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to collective
6 bargaining procedures pursuant to chapter 20 initiated on or
7 after the effective date of this Act.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill designates correctional officers employed by the
12 Iowa department of corrections as public safety employees
13 for the purposes of Code chapter 20, the public employment
14 relations Act. Code chapter 20 and Code chapter 400 include
15 collective bargaining procedures specifically applicable
16 to public safety employees that are not applicable to other
17 public employees, including procedures relating to the scope of
18 collective bargaining negotiations, arbitration procedures, and
19 certain matters relating to city civil service employment.

20 The bill applies to collective bargaining procedures
21 pursuant to Code chapter 20 initiated on or after the effective
22 date of the bill.